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NAIROBI PLEASE PASS ASST SECRETARY DAVIS

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SUBJECT: SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER DENIES PRESENCE OF SOVIET BASE

REF: A. STATE A-3236

B. STATE 115395

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT DENYING PRESENCE OF SOVIET BASE IN SOMALIA, MADE TO PRESS JUNE 19 BY SOMALI FON MIN OMAR ARTEH GHALIB DURING INTERVIEW AFTER AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT EYADEMA. (FONMIN, HERE TO REPRESENT SIAD BARRE IN CONNECTION WITH MEDIATION OF UPPER VOLTA-MALI BOUNDARY DISPUTE, DELIVERED PERSONAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO EYADEMA FOR HIS WORK AS PRESIDENT OF LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION.)

2. QUOTE. INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM IS BUSY PROPAGATING TO WHOLE WORLD THAT REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA GAVE SOVIET UNION A MILITARY BASE ON ITS TERRITORY. I TELL YOU IT IS NOT TRUE. IT IS A LIE WHICH HAS BEEN FABRICATED BY THEIR IMAGINATION. IN SOVIET VOCABULARY THERE DOES NOT EXIST WHAT ONE CALLS A MILITARY BASE IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. SINCE FORCE OF AMERICAN AGRESSION  
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WOULD LIKE TO BUILD MILITARY BASE ON ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA

JUST OPPOSITE OUR COUNTRY IN INDIAN OCEAN IT HAS BEGUN TO SPREAD  
THIS LIE TO CONVINCE AMERICAN CONGRESS SO IT CAN AGREE TO VOTE  
BUDGET NECESSARY FOR THIS BASE. TO CLEAR THIS ALL UP, WE HAVE  
OFFICIALLY INVITED SOME AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN TO SOMALIA TO COME  
AND SEE. IT IS CLEAR, IT IS EVIDENT THAT IMPERIALISM DOES NOT  
WANT AT ALL THAT AFRICA SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT, THAT AFRICA  
SHOULD HAVE INDEPENDENT, NATIONALIST AND REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS.  
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